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1. I UNDERSTAND AND ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH CONCERN ON PART AID/W THAT WE PROCEED WITH PRUDENCE AND CAUTION IN CARRYING OUT OUR AID PROGRAM IN FACE OF MARCONA EX-PROPRIATION. HOWEVER, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR EFFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE MARCONA PROBLEM WOULD BE DAMAGED IF THE GOP GAINED THE IMPRESSION WE WERE SLOWING DOWN OUR PROGRAM BECAUSE OF ITS EXPROPRIATION ACTION. THE TIME MAY COME WHEN WE WILL WANT TO REDUCE OR EVEN ELIMI-NATE SOME OF OUR AID ACTIVITIES, BUT THIS MOMENT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. AS I REPORTED IN LIMA 6361, THERE ARE IN-DICATION THAT THE GOP IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCONA, AND I THINK WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS TO CONVINCE PERUVIAN OFFICIALS THAT A MUTUALLY AGREED SETTLEMENT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. I THINK THIS PROGRESS MIGHT BE HALTED OR REVERSED IF THESE OFFICIALS THOUGHT WE WERE BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR THROUGH OUR AID PROGRAM.

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, I PERSONALLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO AID/W IN REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR I BELIEVE WE CAN AND SHOULD PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF
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SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO MARCONA WILL CALRIFY, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, IN AMPLE TIME FOR US TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MAY BE WARRANTED. ACTION AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE AND WOULD RISK GIVING THE GOP A SIGNAL WE DO NOT WHICH TO MAKE AT THIS POINT. THIS RISK IS UNNECESSARY AND IS ONE WE SHOULD NOT RUN.
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